

the market place once more, cut off his head there, and carried it to the fields where the King was parleying with the rebels. At sight of their leader's head they surrendered at discretion to the authorities. Some hot-heads wished to begin to massacre them on the spot, but Salisbury and the King interfered to prevent such folly. The rest of the country was still in open rebellion, and mild measures were necessary for a day or two more.¹ The men of Kent were peaceably dismissed to their homes across London Bridge, being conducted through the city to that point by knights commissioned for the purpose. A band of the more desperate spirits made off northwards to continue the work of rebellion elsewhere.² Richard and Wai worth joyfully returned to the city that they had saved. At nightfall, in the Garde Kobe the King's mother rejoiced over her son, whom she had scarcely hoped to see again ; for when the wards were being called out, the cry in the city had been * They are killing the King !' ³ The Primate's head over London Bridge was replaced by that of the arch-rebel.⁴

It now remained to reduce the provinces. With London for a basis, this could only be a question of time, but it was several months before the country was thoroughly pacified. The rioters who had been dismissed from Clerkenwell fields did not all go quietly to their homes. Many of them scattered over the country to organise resistance to the invasion which they might now expect. On the 16th a large number of the men of Essex entered Guildford in Surrey, boasting of their deeds in London, and inciting to renewed disorder, while another body penetrated northwards as far as Ramsey Abbey, in the fen district, where they were massacred by a body of loyalists from Huntingdon. The rebels of Kent returned to Canterbury, to issue fresh proclamations and stir up fresh riot. Men from all parts of England were roaming the country to keep the rebellion alive. In Somerset, Cheshire and Yorkshire the Bising had hardly yet begun.⁶

A few days were spent by the King in preparation before

¹ Wals. i. 466, ii. 13-4 ; Froiss., ii. 479 ; *Cant. Eulog.*, 354;
H. R., 520.

² *H. JR.*, 520-1.

³ Froiss., ii. 478-9; *H. R.*,
521.

⁴ Froiss., ii. 480 ; *Pol. Poems*, I. 227-8.

* *JET. JR.*, 521; *Cont. Eulog.*, 354; *C. R. JR.*, 503, Bex.
12 ; 500, **Rex*** 13 . 253, 283) ; *Chester Indictment Rolls*,
no. 8. m. 57.